

# MENASHA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

September 2014



## JOIN US IN RENEWING FRIENDSHIPS AND MEETING NEW MEMBERS

As Fall approaches that signals the beginning of our new season at the Menasha Historical Society. We begin with our annual "September in the Park" potluck to be held Thursday, Sept. 11, at Noon. If inclement weather it will be held inside the Memorial Bldg. Bring a dish to pass. Spanish hamburgers/buns/plates/utensils/beverage will again be furnished by the society. Vince Maas will present a brief history of the beautiful flower gardens in Smith Park. **BRING A FRIEND, NEIGHBOR, RELATIVE, ETC. (NO ANIMALS ALLOWED!)**

Membership Dues (\$15/individual - \$25/couple) are payable at this time or may be mailed to:

Menasha Historical Society

P. O. Box 255

Menasha, WI 54952

*We continue to be open to the public every Monday 9:00-11:30 (often later when visitors are present and always fulfilling "behind the scenes" jobs). Although we are making progress there is still much volunteer work to be done especially in the area of computer savvy persons to continue the process of scanning our files and eventually all artifacts. The museum area is constantly being updated with the purchase of additional display cases, shelving, etc.*

*This summer has again been very busy for your board members. The Park and Rec Dept. sponsored a "Tour of Smith Park" in which we had representatives stationed at various sites relating its history. It was a very disappointing low attendance but WE WERE THERE. We were also open in conjunction with an Isle of Valor ceremony.*

*As you all know by now the historic Menasha Hotel has been demolished with no future plans forthcoming. Jean represented the historical society at the Landmarks Commission meeting and spoke regarding its demolition and future plans. After one of the developers spoke a lengthy discussion with questions took place and the eventual vote was to NOT give approval for demolition. However, it was to no avail as the city council then voted against the Landmarks Commission and the process began.*



## FUND RAISING APPEAL FOR RESTORATION OF OUR HISTORICAL CABOOSE

Many special board meetings and countless hours of preparation have accounted for the biggest fund raising project ever attempted by the Menasha Historical Society. We have been working on this project for 2 years and are now moving forward although it is a very costly project. Hopefully you have all received AND READ the letter explaining the need for restoration of our historic caboose to preserve it for future generations and that you will consider financially supporting this very important project. No matter how large or small every dollar adds up. We are proud to have been chosen to keep it within our beautiful Smith Park. A special thank you to those who have already contributed. Preliminary preparations have begun so drive by and observe the "work in progress".

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- SEPTEMBER 11 "POTLUCK PICNIC IN SMITH PARK"
- OCTOBER 9 TOUR TO HEARTHSTONE IN APPLETON
- NOVEMBER 13 MENASHA'S KOREAN WAR STORIES
- DECEMBER 11 ANNUAL BANQUET/PROGRAM
- APRIL 9 TO BE ANNOUNCED
- MAY 15 CITY-WIDE REDEDICATION OF THE SMITH PARK EFFIGY MOUNDS (STATE ARCHEOLOGIST PRESIDING) AND OUR RESTORED "LITTLE RED CABOOSE". MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW IN 2015 NEWSLETTERS.

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A SMILE IS A SIGN OF JOY  
A HUG IS A SIGN OF LOVE  
A LAUGH IS A SIGN OF HAPPINESS**



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